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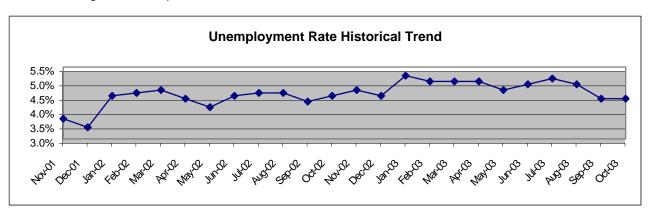
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE SANTA ROSA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) (Sonoma County)

The unemployment rate in Sonoma County remained unchanged at 4.4 percent between September and October 2003, and below the year-ago estimate of 4.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.4 percent for California and 5.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Month to month changes Year to year changes Industry Sept Oct Change Oct Oct Change 2003 2003 2002 2003 193,700 192,300 196,400 192,300 (1,400)(4,100)Total jobs 8,300 6.800 (1,500)7.100 6.800 (300)Farm 300 300 300 300 Natural 0 n resources and mining 14,300 14.200 14,100 14.200 Construction (100)100 Manufacturing 23,900 23,600 (300)26,400 23,600 (2,800)34,600 34,600 34,300 34,600 300 Trade, transportation and utilities Information 4,300 4,300 0 4,200 4,300 100 Financial 10,800 10,800 0 10,500 10,800 300 activities 19.400 19,400 Professional and 19.100 19.100 (300)(300)business services 24,200 24,400 200 24,000 24,400 400 Educational and health services Leisure and 21,400 21,100 (300)20,200 21,100 900 hospitality 6,800 6,600 Other services 6,800 0 6,800 200 25,400 26,300 900 29,300 26,300 (3,000)Government

Notes - Data not adjusted for seasonality

⁻ Data may not add due to rounding